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In re Application of: Earl T. Carter
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Group Art Unit: 2132
Examiner: Abdulhakim Nobahar
Title: BINARY STATE MACHINE SYSTEM AND
METHOD FOR REGEX PROCESSING OF A DATA
STREAM IN AN INTRUSION DETECTION
SYSTEM

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the application as follows: